

Amarakaeri language

Amarakaeri is an Amazonian language of the Harákmbut language family spoken in Peru along the Madre de Dios and Colorado Rivers. There is less than 1% literacy compared to 5 to 15% literacy in second language Spanish. There is one dialect called Kisambaeri. It is an official language and has a dictionary. Amarakaeri speakers include the Kochimberi, Küpondirideri, Wíntaperi, Wakitaneri, and Kareneri gold panning tribes. There is a common misconception is that Amarakaeri is an Arawakan language. Alternate names include Amarakaire, Amaracaire, and Mashco; the latter of which is considered a pejorative term.

Phonology

Amarakaeri has 18 vowels.

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
<u>Close</u>	i	ɨ	
<u>Close-mid</u>	e		o
<u>Open</u>	a		

All vowels have long forms. Except for /ɨ/, all vowels, both short and long forms, have nasalized forms.^[3]

Consonants

		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Stop</u>	<u>plain</u>	p	t		k	ʔ
	<u>prenasalized</u>	ᵐb	ⁿd		ŋɡ	
<u>Fricative</u>			s		x	
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n		ŋ	
<u>Approximant</u>				j	w	
<u>Flap</u>			r			

See also

- Amarakaeri Communal Reserve

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Amarakaeri	
Native to	Perú
Ethnicity	Amarakaeri people
Native speakers	1,600 (2007 census) ^[1]
Language family	Harákmbut–Katukinan ? ▪ Harákmbut ▪ Amarakaeri
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	amr
Glottolog	amar1274 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/amar1274) ^[2]

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